

Around the Services

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from service reports



Navy

SECRETARY of the Navy Gordon R. England ordered all Navy ships to fly the "First Navy Jack" in place of the Union Jack for the duration of the war on terrorism. The First Navy Jack is commonly known as the "Don't Tread On Me" flag because it depicts a moving rattlesnake on a field of 13 horizontal red and white stripes.



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Air Force

THE Air Force women's softball team scored a 9-0 win in this year's Armed Forces Women's Softball Championship. Led by head coach Master Sgt. William Hardy of Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., the team stripped last year's champion, Army, of its crown.



Coast Guard

THE Coast Guard proclaimed Morgan City, La., a "Coast Guard City." The designation recognizes cities that have demonstrated a longstanding and enduring relationship with, and commitment to, Coast Guard members and their families.



Marines

MARINES from the 2nd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, tested the new Mk-47 40mm advanced lightweight grenade machine gun at Camp Lejeune, N.C. The weapon is an advanced version of the Mk-19 grenade launcher. Some of the weapon's features include a lightweight video-sighting system, laser range finder and electronic elevation mechanism.



General Dynamics